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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 22-24 and amend claims 1, 11, and 19, leaving the following claims 1-21 still pending:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for utilizing a location-based service, the method comprising:
receiving from a user at a current location differential information, the differential information indicating a difference between the current location and a particular, different location;
receiving from the user at the current location a request to receive a location-based service based on the particular, different location;
determining the current location;
determining the particular location based on the current location and the differential information received from the user;
providing a location-based service based on the particular, different location, wherein the location-based service produces results that are at least partially based on the particular location; and
displaying information to the user, wherein the information displayed to the user is at least partially based on the results of the location-based service.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising determining directional information between the current location and the particular location.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the directional information comprises an indication of compass direction between the current location and the particular location.
4. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the directional information comprises an angle of rotation.

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5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the differential information comprises an indication of the distance between the current location and the particular location.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the differential information comprises an indication of a height.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the location-based service is a ratings service.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the location-based service is a mapping service.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the location-based service is an information service, the information service providing information related to the particular location.
10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the providing the location-based service comprises transmitting a request for a location-based service and receiving results from a location-based service.
11. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for utilizing a location-based service, the apparatus comprising:
 - a position determining module for determining a current location;
 - a compass, wherein the compass indicates directional information between the current location and a particular, different location;
 - a user interface for receiving user input, wherein the user input comprises differential information indicating a difference between the current location and the particular location, wherein further the user input comprises a request for a location-based service based on the particular, different location;
 - a service module, the service module providing a location-based service based on the particular, different location; and

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a display device to display at least some of the results of the location-based service to the user.

12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising a processor for determining the particular location based on the current location, directional information and the differential information.
13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, the service module comprising:
a transmitter for transmitting a request for a location-based service based on the particular location; and
a receiver for receiving information related to the particular location; and
14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein transmitter couples with the processor to transmit the particular location as part of the request for rating information.
15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the position determining module is a global positioning system receiver.
16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the compass is a digital compass.
17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the user interface is adapted to receive as an input differential information indicating a distance between the current location and the particular location.
18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the differential information comprises a distance.
19. (Currently Amended) A machine-accessible medium containing instructions, which when executed by a machine, cause said machine to perform operations, comprising:

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receiving from a user at a current location differential information, the differential information indicating a difference between the current location and a particular, different location;

receiving from the user at the current location a request to receive a location-based service based on the particular, different location;

determining the current location;

determining the particular location based on the current location and the differential information received from the user;

providing a location-based service based on the particular, different location, wherein the location-based service produces results that are at least partially based on the particular location; and

displaying information to the user, wherein the information displayed to the user is at least partially based on the results of the location-based service.

20. (Original) The machine-accessible medium of claim 19, further comprising determining a compass direction between the current location and the particular location.
21. (Original) The machine-accessible medium of claim 19, wherein receiving the differential information comprises receiving an indication of the distance between the current location and the particular location.
22. (Canceled)
23. (Canceled)
24. (Canceled)